

Application No. 10/769,838
Reply to Office Action mailed 27 July 2005

REMARKS

At the time of this action, Claims 1-16 were pending in the present application. No claims are amended or cancelled, so no Listing of Claims is provided.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner has determined that the claims as filed disclose three patentably distinct species of the invention.

The three species are:

- A) Claims 1-8, directed at a flat panel display comprising front and rear glass plates and at least one thermal sensor integral to the TFT array layer comprising a first embodiment.
- B) Claims 9-12, directed at a flat panel display comprising front and rear glass plates and at least one thermal sensor integral to the TFT array layer comprising a second embodiment.
- C) Claims 13-16, directed at a flat panel display comprising front and rear plates and at least one thermal sensor interposed between the plates to provide temperature sensing of the LC layer.

In response to the present Office Action, the Applicant elects to restrict the present application to species C as presented in Claims 13-16.

Although the Examiner has indicated that claim 9 appears to be generic, applicant disagrees with this determination and suggests instead that independent claim 13 is generic, such that all other claims (1-12 and 14-16) read upon it.

Claim 13 is broader than claim 9 because claim 13 does not include the limitation of a TFT array interposed between the front and rear plates.

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The case is now ready for examination, which is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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